National Fire Plan

Interagency Fuels Reduction Projects
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The Inyo National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office are working together to reduce hazardous fuels in and around comminutes that border Forest Service and BLM lands.

Swall Meadows

The Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District, Wheeler Crest Fire Safe Council, BLM, and the Inyo National Forest hosted a neighborhood fuel reduction and chipping event on Saturday May 15, 2004 in the community of Swall Meadows. Volunteers went door-to-door and distributed information about defensible space, and invited homeowners to participate in the May 15th event. Motivated by the early fire season, this event helped Swall Meadows residents reduce the fire hazard, and prepare for Wildfire Awareness Week.

During the weekend, the Forest Service and BLM traveled with two chippers to each street to shred the woody material that residents had accumulated in preparation for this event. The material to be chipped was placed within five feet of the street in the front of the property so the chipper crew could easily access the material. Once chipped, the material was placed back in the homeowner's yards.

June Lake

The Inyo National Forest and June Lake Fire Department hosted a community defensible space and chipping event the weekend of June 12th and 13th. This event helped June Lake homeowners and residents reduce fire hazards in preparation for the upcoming fire season. During the weekend, the Forest Service and BLM staged a chipper at the June Mountain Ski Area parking lot. Between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, June Lake residents and homeowners brought woody material, such as branches and logs less than 10 inches in diameter, from private property which was then chipped. Residents also dropped off other vegetation at the parking lot where a truck was available to haul the material to the dump.

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